

APERTURE

Scottish Smallbore Rifle Association

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SSRA Winter Competitions 1997

Medal Class

Name	Club	Card 1	Card 2	Card 3	Total
D Garrow	Dallas	0	1	1	2 regge 2
N T J Clader	East Grinstead	1	1	0	2 regge 3
R A Sellar	Watsonians	0	1	2	3
T L W Kidner	Bonaccord	1	2	1	4
A S Bruce	Stirling Royal Inf	2	0	2	4
M Sinclair	E U Alumni	1	1	3	5
DAM McIntosh	E U Alumni	5	2	2	9
A Gordon	Bonaccord	2	3	4	9

Medal B Class

Name	Club	Card 1	Card 2	Card 3	Total
K Macdonald	Dalnain Bridge	3	2	1	6
D Sheridan	Kinross&Milnath	2	3	2	7
G Motion	Balerno&Currie	0	5	2	7
W Crawford	Callandar	4	2	3	9
J R Buchanan	Masonic	2	4	4	10
N Ferguson	Edin Univ	4	4	3	11
R R Spence	Orkney	4	4	5	13

Medal C Class

Name	Club	Card 1	Card 2	Card 3	Total
W P Baird	R A F S U	4	4	2	10
J Eccles	Alloa	4	5	3	12
M McGechan	George Watsons C	2	5	5	12
M Rodigan	Basingstoke	2	4	6	12
R Harper	Durris	5	5	4	14
M G Rennie	Beaconsfield	3	4	9	16
G Duncan	Kinlochlaggan	8	6	10	24

Medal D Class

Name	Club	Card 1	Card 2	Card 3	Total
T Hayman	Hawick	5	6	11	22 regge 23
J Taylor	Durris	5	8	9	22 regge 26
W J Rae	Durris	5	8	10	23
S Younger	George Watsons C	10	9	5	24
C Melling	Hawick	12	14	12	33

Junior

Name	Club	Card 1	Card 2	Card 3	Total
M McGechan	George Watsons C	2	5	5	12
N Davies	George Watsons C	5	5	6	16
S D Taylor	Dumfries	5	5	7	17
M Cross	George Watsons C	5	5	8	18
A McGill	George Watsons C	6	3	9	18
S Younger	George Watson C	10	9	5	24

CanDicap

Name	Club	H'cap	Card 1	Card 2	Card 3	Total
M Rodigan	Basingstoke	5	1	1	1	3 regge 4
M Mutch	Watsonians	5	1	2	0	3 regge 6
J Eccles	Alloa	6	1	2	1	4
J Taylor	Durris	6	1	5	1	7
C Melling	Hawick	7	3	3	2	8

Veterans

D G Wood	Peterhead	1	3	4	8
A Gordon	Bonaccord	2	3	4	9

SELKIRK'S BISLEY HERO

Lance-Corporal A. Baxter*, was prominent in the thoughts of Selkirk people during the past fortnight, for at the great shooting tournament at Bisley he has been splendidly upholding the credit of the town as the nursery for cool shooting and splendid marksmanship. Each day while the shooting went on, eager groups could be seen in the Selkirk streets, anxiously scanning the prize lists to see how Baxter was getting on. And he seldom disappointed them, for his name was almost always to be seen in some prominent position among the highest scorers. Mr Baxter is quite a young man --- he is not yet 22 --- but his steadiness and self-control are abnormal, and those who best can judge of such matters, predict a successful future for him as a crack shot if he pursues the career which has opened so auspiciously for him.

Of Mr Baxter it might be said that he is a marksman by hereditary instinct, and his case makes a feasible argument in favour of the theory that marksmanship runs in the blood --- like wooden legs, as the old wheeze has it. What's bred in the bone will out, and remembering that Mr Baxter's father and grandfather were both excellent shots of their day, it seems quite fit that he should follow in their footsteps, and uphold the family tradition. Mr Baxter's grandfather, who lives in Galashiels, a hale and hearty old gentleman, who celebrated his golden wedding a week or two ago, was a gamekeeper in his younger days, and was famed for his skill with a gun and rifle. His son, Mr Baxter, Mr Baxter's father, who lives in Selkirk now, was for many years a member of the Galashiels Company of the B.R.V.** Latterly, at the end of 1890, or the beginning of 1891, he was transferred to Selkirk, and he retired with the rank of colour-sergeant in 1901, having served as a volunteer for the long period of 28 years. In his day, he had many successes at the shooting range. He won several medals and prizes at Wimbledon and Bisley. At the former place he [won] £22 10s. so far back as 1879, and he was in the grand aggregate three times. He was twice at Bisley. Amongst the trophies of those days in his possession may be mentioned a silver hot-water jug --- the Hammermans prize: three medals presented by Major Hugh Scott of Gala --- the last won in 1886; the ladies purse and badge, won in 1884; the Diamond Jubilee gold medal, won in 1887; the Scottish Twenty Club gold medal. He was twice winner of the Galashiels Merchants Cup, and as such possesses the gold medals presented to the winner, and as winner of the aggregate in the same competition he also holds the silver medal. These are really but a tangible testimonials (sic) to the sureness of aim and steadiness of nerve of Sergt. Baxter. He got the long service medal the first year it was issued.

Of the subject of our sketch a great deal might be written, but he is so modest and retiring that one has to glean information of his career as Volunteer from many quarters. This year has been his third at for Bisley. He has been a Volunteer for only four years, so that he soon began to show his quality.

The first year, shooting as a recruit, he shot in two competitions and was highly successful, winning the first gold cross presented by the National Rifle Association, and carrying away about £11 in money prizes. The next year he was rather off colour, but this year he was again redeemed (sic) his early promise, and shot splendidly throughout.

Here are some of the spoils from Bisley of this year --- Badge and £15 in the Competition for the Kings Prizes (this badge is considered the blue ribbon for marksmen), £5 and three sketches in the Graphic competition; £2 in the secretary of War Competition; £2 in the All Comers Competition; £2 in the Alexandra Competition; £2 in the Volunteer Aggregate; £1 in range prizes at 600 yards; £1 10s in the Belgian Cup Competition; £2 in the St. Georges Competition. The total sum won by amounts to about £40.

Of his success locally, all the Borders knows. He has won the N.R.A. cross and medal for recruit, at Melrose last year. His minor successes are too numerous to recount.

With youth and health on his side, Selkirk people expect great things of Lance-Corporal Baxter, and some are already dreaming of a possible time when he may return to the Borders, the winner of the Kings prize. It might be mentioned that his brother, at present in London, is also a good shot, and has successfully competed at Bisley and other meetings.

*Anyone, local or otherwise, who might be interested in pursuing the further fortunes of Mr Baxter should contact the Editor, who would welcome the challenge! - Ed

RUMORS OF OUR DEATH ARE GREATLY EXAGGERATED

Following some comments made by shooters at the AGM and around the ranges last year I would like to make it Clear that Glenrothes Target Shooting Club is alive and kicking. In recent years we have upgraded the range but we are waiting what the bottom line will be after the new Bill is passed before we push for completion

For the record

We have no formal links with any other body except the NSRA

We do not just shoot 10m air rifle. We also shoot smallbore rifle (prone and 3P)

We have 6 firing points, 4 of which are cleared for 3P (soon to be all 6)

3 points are semi permanent set for 10m air, with the option for all six

We have a large armoury with plenty of lockers.

At present the 3P facilities are under utilised and there are always spare firing points. I am keen to promote 3P within the clubs and would welcome any interested shooters. Glenrothes has the best range facilities in Fife and surrounding area, and probably much further afield. Why not come and look for yourself, Phone 01577 840430 to arrange a visit.

(signed) A. P. Credland

Tony Credland Secretary Glenrothes TSC

We at the Aperture, would welcome any news on likely or proposed changes to any ranges or clubs and would hope to publish any letters received in future editions. ED

Commonwealth Games Trials

Any shooters who would like to help in the running of the trials please get in touch with the secretary
C. De Jonckheere



COMMONWEALTH GAMES TRIALS

THE TRIALS FOR THE ABOVE EVENT HAVE BEEN SET
FOR THE DATES SET OUT BELOW

AIR RIFLE TO BE HELD AT BRITISH AIR WEAPONS CHAMPIONSHIPS
ALDERSLEY FEBRUARY 1997

PRONE RIFLE	19th - 20th JULY	DENWOOD
3P RIFLE	2nd - 3rd AUGUST	DENWOOD

The trials are open to shooters who have attained the minimum qualifying scores and are members of the S.S.R.A. These scores must be notified to the secretary of the association before any shooter will be eligible to shoot the trials. Failure to inform the secretary will mean that you will not be invited to take part in the trials

Minimum Qualifying Scores

	MEN	WOMEN
PRONE	591 X 600	585 X 600
3-P	1131 X 1200	566 X 600
AIR RIFLE	583 X 600	385 X 400

Further information will be forwarded to shooters who have lodged their qualifying scores with the secretary

SCOTTISH JUNIOR RIFLE DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Any junior (aged 12-21) who would like to be considered for selection to a new Junior Development Squad should write as soon as possible to:

Stephen Dunlop
[REDACTED]

Home Tel No [REDACTED]
Work (9am-3pm) {in desperation} [REDACTED]

Please enclose a S.A.E. Stephen will then send you an application form and more details about the squad and its objectives.

SCOTTISH SMALL BORE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

AIR RIFLE GRAND PRIX 1

16th JANUARY 1997

NAME							TOTAL	A CLASS	INEXPERT	LADIES
S. BELL	79	80	85	81	82	80	487			1 st
A.JACKSON	81	74	81	87	82	81	486			
R.LAW	99	98	96	95	98	97	583	1 st		
T.CREDLAND	91	87	88	88	86	89	529		2 nd	
E.G.WATT	83	91	91	87	84	88	524		3 rd	
R.SELLAR	91	96	94	96	92	93	562	3 rd		
D.A.M.McINTOSH	95	94	97	93	96	92	567	2 nd		
C.OGLE	93	93	92	93	87	91	549			
A.HORNE	91	93	91	90	87	90	542		1 st	

NSRA Air Rifle Meeting, Aldersley 7-9/2/97

Home Countries International Matches

Scotland								
R Law	93	94	97	97	99	97	577	
D A M McIntosh	97	96	94	98	92	92	569	
R A Sellar	96	93	96	96	93	94	568	
							1714	
Mrs S J McIntosh	96	95	89	96			376	
Mrs J W Thomson	87	86	91	92			356	
Miss S M Bell	77	80	84	82			323	
							1055	

England	
C Hector	586
Miss L Minett	581
I Potts	578
	1745
Miss L Minett	390
Miss S Kalinowska	386
Miss D Venables	376
	1152

Wales	
M Blake	578
Miss J Malcolm	565
Miss R Wyke	559
	1702
Miss J Malcolm	376
Miss R Wyke	370
Miss S Hartop	369
	1115

Northern	
R Clarke	564
A Lewis	560
G Duff	551
	1675

INT. REGION MATCH 13th APRIL 1997

Teams of six shooters with the best five scores to count.

TEAM	SHOOTER	Card 1	Card 2	Card 3	Card 4	Total	Team Total
CENTRAL	B.Moonie	97	100	99	100	396	
	I.Kerr	100	99	98	97	394	
	G.Winch	99	98	98	98	393	
	W.Crawford	100	97	96	95	388	
	Miss R.Ronnie	96	96	96	99	387	1958
	D.Sheridan	93	95	93	95	376	
LOTHIAN	W.Gibbon.	98	98	99	100	395	
	C.I.H Thomson.	100	96	98	97	391	
	R.A.Sellar.	96	98	98	98	390	
	C.Broughton.	96	98	99	96	389	
	S.Bruce.	96	98	94	98	386	1951
	J.Hind.	95	97	97	96	385	
GRAMPIAN	T.S.Hastings.	98	99	98	99	394	
	I.Shanks.	99	97	98	99	393	
	J.Cole-Hamilton.	99	99	97	97	392	
	R.McAlpine.	96	95	98	99	388	
	E.Lovie.	96	92	97	97	388	1949
FAYSIDE	Miss R Fraser.	97	96	97	99	389	
	H.M.Caldwell.	97	99	97	96	389	
	P.Gray	97	99	97	95	388	
	J.R.Brown.	93	97	99	98	387	
	I.Gray.	95	97	92	94	378	1931
S.S.C.A	C.DeJonckheere	97	97	97	98	389	
	R.MacMillan	96	95	96	97	384	
	J.Michael	92	97	96	98	383	
	W.Vaughan.	98	95	94	93	380	
	R.Fraser.	92	91	94	97	374	1910

S.S.R.A. SUBSCRIPTION FOR 1996 - 1997 £15.00

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

AMMOUNT ENCLOSED £.....

Phone No..... Club.....

Please send to J. Silcox





100 Club

Application / Renewal Form

How many numbers?		Start Month	
How many months ? (3, 6, 9 or 12)		SSRA Membership No.	
Preferred Numbers (if any)		Remittance £1 per No. per month	

Name

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Address & Postcode

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Telephone Number

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Signature

Date

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Please return to:

Mr John R. Silcox

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Telephone :

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